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Planning A "Campus": A Process in Need of Overhaul

By Michael Thomas

Universities are required periodically to submit campus plans for approval by the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The presumed purpose of this process is to harmonize the interests of the university, neighboring residents, and the District as a whole. The regulations seem to require strong protection of neighboring property, allowing university uses only if they are "not likely to become objectionable to neighboring property because of noise, traffic, number of students, or other objectionable conditions." Yet under the existing campus plan, and over the repeated objection of Foggy Bottom residents, The George

Washington University has been allowed to ignore the sanctioned campus boundaries, and to acquire, raze, and convert a large number of residential and other properties. (The most recent example is the demolition of all but two walls of the historic President's House at 20th & G Streets.) Their practices have been contrary to the policy expressed in the regulations and to the repeated findings of the D.C. Council in the last three Comprehensive Plans.

How Do They Do It?

How is that GWU and other universities have been able to run roughshod over

both their neighbors and express public policy? The three most important reasons are:

(1) that the universities have used their enormous legal and political clout to cloud the real picture as to benefits and costs;

(2) that the law is weak and nearly unenforceable; and

(3) that responsibility for public policy in this area has been fractured.

The defects in the law must be addressed before pending plans for GWU, Georgetown and American University are approved.

GWU is of course the largest landowner in the

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Two Important Votes at June Meeting Elections for FBA Board June 26

The annual election of officers and Executive Board members will take place at the Foggy Bottom meeting on June 26. Charlie Clapp chaired the Nominating Committee, assisted by Patrick Cody, Ed Gable, Marifran Langvardt, and Tina Pauley. They have announced the following candidates:

For Executive Board: new members would be Melissa Front and Jackie Lemire. Up for re-election are Doug Abbey, David Alexander, and Olga Corey.

Nominated as officers are Catherine Braun as Membership Director, Rita Champagne as Treasurer, Lucille Molinelli as Secretary, Ellie Becker as Vice President, and Michael Thomas as President.

Melissa Front resides on I Street with her husband Mitch, and is a website designer for the Library of Congress. She is relatively new to Foggy Bottom, and is interested in local history, boosting community involvement, and preserving green space.

Jackie Lemire lives in the Westbridge with her husband, Paul O'Leary, and has been in Foggy Bottom since 1970. Retired from the Federal government, she heads Lemire & Associates, a consulting firm. Involvement in FB affairs includes terms as a founding member and past secretary and president of the FB Historic District Conservancy,

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Members to Vote on Dues Hike

The FBA Executive Board is recommending that, effective July 1, dues for the Association membership be raised from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per year. The Board made the decision at its regular monthly meeting on May 23, and the proposal will be put to the membership for approval at the June 26 general meeting. Dues

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Mark Your Calendar:

The BZA hearing on the GWU Campus Plan will be held on Tuesday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m. Watch for notices and posters in the fall.

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Speaker:

Colonel Markus Ring

D.C. Historian and Raconteur

Monday, June 26, 2000

Wyndham Bristol Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting, September 25, 2000)

D.C. Historian/Raconteur at June Meeting

Lt. Colonel Markus Ring, longtime D.C. resident and historian, will be the featured speaker at the June 26 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. It is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

In addition, elections for the FBA officers and Executive Board will take place that evening; a list of this year's nominees appears elsewhere in this issue.

A Lt. Colonel (Ret.) in the U.S. Army Reserve, Ring was born and grew up near 17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, and pursued a career in and after the service as a dental technician: he also had a dental laboratory for many years. He developed his interest in American history into a hobby and avocation, and presents slide lectures for a variety of audiences.

Colonel Ring is well known as a raconteur about the city's earlier days, and asserts that he only talks about experiences and events he actually witnessed. We welcome him as a sequel to the wonderful reminiscences by Colbert King at the June 1999 FBA 40th anniversary meeting.

Update

School Board Referendum Vote Set for June 27

On Tuesday, June 27, D.C. voters will decide on the makeup of the future School Board. Up for approval is a proposed school board made up partly of elected members and partly of members appointed by the Mayor. The plan was a compromise between the

Mayor and the Council.

If approved, the new Board would consist of four elected members, each representing two wards, plus one member at large to serve as Board president. Four additional members would be appointed by the Mayor. Currently, a Board member is elected from each of the city's eight wards. Westy Byrd is Ward 2's member on the Board.

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Letters

Accolades to Our Editor

With much persuasion and insistence, Ellie Becker, Editor of the Foggy Bottom News, reluctantly agreed to print this article. ["If you don't make space to print this, I shall jump into the middle of the Potomac River!"] Freedom of the Press applies here! She is accustomed to generously giving, not receiving.

It is long overdue that we express our appreciation for our monthly editions of the Foggy Bottom News. These are an excellent source of community awareness and updates: events, relevant, current business affairs and colorful human interest stories and diversified lifestyles. Who makes this possible? Our Editor, Ellie Becker.

It is her tireless dedication, loyal commitment to our neighborhoods and professional expertise and talent that bring these editions to our doors and other appropriate locations. Many of us have absolutely no comprehension or a clue as to what is involved to prepare and complete news

publications for circulation. This doesn't just happen by sitting down at a computer and punching keys or Website.com information scanning!

Ellie never fails to publicly thank those who contribute and participate in various ways to support this masterful endeavor. It is now your turn, Ellie Becker, Editor of the Foggy Bottom News and President of the Foggy Bottom Association, to be applauded and praised with many thanks from your avid reader friends in the Foggy Bottom/West End community.

Lucille Molinelli

A "Well-Seasoned" Resident

Keep Those Leashes On!

A recent incident reminded me of why I have always felt that an unleashed dog in public is a bad idea, and I want to appeal to all area dog owners to please keep your dogs on leashes—for your own dog's safety, as well as the safety of others. Doing otherwise, in my opinion, is the height of irresponsibility.

I was walking my dog, a medium-sized terrier recently, and as we rounded the corner in front of Cup'a Cup'a, I saw a cocker spaniel—off-leash—walking with a man across New Hampshire Avenue. As soon as

that dog saw mine, the spaniel bolted toward us, oblivious to its walker's commands, and before I had a chance to pick my dog up, the spaniel jumped on her, growling and nipping. It did quit when its walker got there, and although my dog was shaken and scared, she did not appear to be hurt.

I don't care *how* well training a dog might be, you just never know how it might react to a strange dog or person, or how a strange dog might react to it, for that matter. Furthermore, the spaniel itself could easily have been hit or run over if a car had been coming when it bolted across the street.

I know that dogs need exercise and a place to run, but that can be done either on a long leash or in a park specifically designated and fenced in for dogs (where dogs and owners can *choose* to interact with others). Could the Foggy Bottom News publish the addresses of such places in our neighborhood?

Gretchen Roberts

New Hampshire Avenue

Editor's note: The middle portion of the park on 26th Street, between I and K Street, is designed for dogs to run within a fenced area. Plans are still in the works for making improvements to the area, but it

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is available now for dogs to run, frolic and socialize if so desired by their owners. A fence and gate now separate that part of the park from the children's playground.

the 2-1/2 hour kayak tours are available for individuals 10 years of age and older; no previous kayaking experience is needed. The "standard" tour on Thursdays through Sundays at sunset, starts in Georgetown, passes Three Sisters Island, Roosevelt Island and proceeds to Memorial Bridge. A new up-river tour, offered Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 3-5:30 p.m., focuses on the Georgetown waterfront and the C&O Canal. For info call 703-838-9072. \$39.

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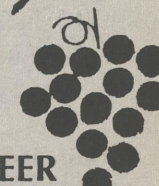
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Rev. Radeloff Retires to Dessau

At a June 18 service, Rev. Alfred Radeloff preached his "farewell sermon" to the German members of The United Church. He and his wife, Inge, resided in the historic parsonage adjoining the church. As part of the "good-bye" events for the Radeloffs, the congregation gathered for a picnic at Lake Anna, Va., hosted by parishioners Edmund and Gerda Piecha.

Having served as a minister in the town of Dessau in the former East Germany, Pastor Radeloff played a leading role in the movement that led to the fall of the Communist regime. He recently published an English translation of his account of those historic events, titled "The Peaceful Revolution in the City of Dessau, East Germany, 1989-90."

The Radeloffs will fly to Germany on July 1, after the Sunday service.

News from 2D

Lt. Andrew White, who had supervised PSA 207, has taken a year-long assignment with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Community Policing Institute. It is an organization funded by the Department of Justice, and its role is to support police departments in the region in their efforts to implement community policing policies and programs. Lt. Philip Lanciano, head of PSA 208, will oversee PSA 207 as well on a temporary basis. Lt. White will return to

the 2D at the end of this special assignment.

Officers at 2D again are emphasizing the frequent occurrence in our area of thefts from autos, and caution all drivers to:

- (1) remove all items of value, even small value, from plain view;
- (2) lock the car; and
- (3) park in lighted areas if possible.

They also ask residents to be alert and aware of any suspicious activity, such as persons checking car doors or looking in car windows. Such activity should be reported to the police via the new 311 non-emergency number. Of course, use 911 to report fires, medical emergencies, violent crimes, vehicle crashes with injuries, domestic violence and property crimes in progress.

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have been \$10.00 since 1989.

The expenses of the past two years for the FBA have been unusually high, with the heaviest expenditures involved in the suit against the Board of Zoning Adjustment's decision on the GWU Hospital. Last year's 40th Anniversary costs, plus funds already spent—and anticipated—on the campus plan are considerable. The FBA paid part of the costs involved in the mediation, as well as two consultants who assisted the ANC/FBA negotiating team.

The Board's vote on the dues raise was unanimous, and Board members urge the membership to approve it at the June meeting.

Police National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1
500 Block of 22nd Street
5:00-10:00 p.m.

Octagon Hosts "How Do We Know?"

An exhibition which has opened at the Octagon Museum explores how curators and historians investigate an historic house's past and make decisions on how to bring it back to life meaningfully and accurately. "How Do We Know?: Recreating Domestic Interiors" will remain on view until the end of the year.

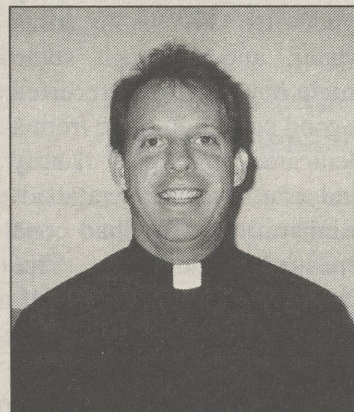
Visitors will go behind the scenes of the investigation into how the Tayloe family furnished the Octagon in the early 19th century. Designed by William Thornton and completed in 1801, the house is one of the most significant and historic Federal-period houses in the U.S. President Madison and his wife lived there after the White House was burned, and he signed the Treaty of Ghent in the upstairs parlor.

The Octagon Museum is located at 1799 New York Avenue, and is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors.

Father Mike McCue (left) and Father Jim Greenfield enjoy one of their farewell parties at the Newman Center.

Newman Center Welcomes Father Panke

Reverend Robert Panke, on July 1, becomes the Chaplain at the GWU Newman Student Center lo-



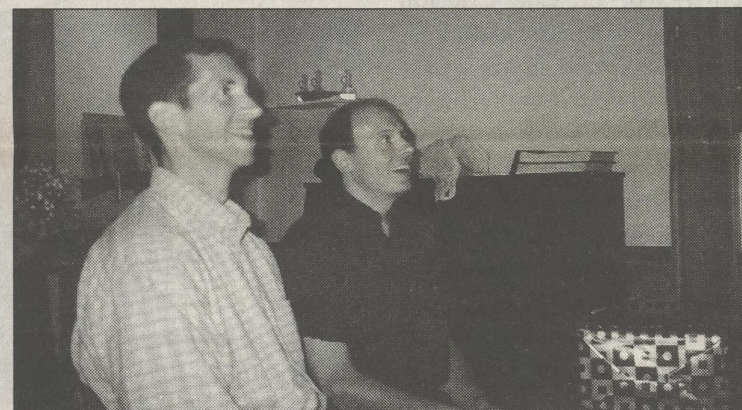
cated on F Street, succeeding Father James Greenfield.

Father Panke comes to the campus ministry after four years as associate pastor at St. Peter's Church in Olney, Maryland. He studied at the North American College in Rome, received degrees in sacred theology from the

Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, also in Rome, and he holds a degree in finance from the Catholic University. Father Panke (whose name rhymes with hanky) was raised in Scarsdale, New York.

Father Greenfield, who belongs to the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, came to Newman six years ago, and earned a doctoral degree at GWU during his term. His new assignment is as Director of Salesian Programs for his order, involving travel to all locations staffed by the Oblate order. Newman's assistant chaplain, Father Mike McCue, has been assigned to the parish of Our Mother of Consolation in the Chestnut Hills section of Philadelphia. Father McCue was also chaplain at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria.

Father Panke's assignment marks the return of the Newman Center to direct supervision by clergy of the Archdiocese of Washington.



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The Local Kaleidoscope

By John Graves



The spring meeting of the West End Citizens Association was held, as usual, in the State Plaza Hotel with a sizable crowd in attendance; 225 invitations were mailed. As expected, the brief business portion was conducted with the Board at the head table and a thorough treasurer's report, which is traditional in these meetings.

The speaker was Lt. Col. Crabson, the Greater Washington Area Commander of the Salvation Army. One would not anticipate a very romantic and entertaining talk with visions of a tambourine, but we learned a lot of interesting facts about the good works of the "Army." The informative remarks of Lt. Col. Crabson had the constant attention of the crowd—with many questions following. Furthermore, the "Army" is our neighbor here in Foggy Bottom at 2626 Pennsylvania Avenue just before the bridge over the Rock Creek Parkway. They require far less space and are definitely less intrusive, indeed destructive, than the American Red Cross. We commend your contributions to the "Army."

Jack Batham always is a professional presiding officer at these gathering, but moreover, he is a great host at his refreshment room following the meeting. There he offers a generous buffet of tasty delicacies, fruits, cheeses, tea, coffee, wine and beer. His huge cake is shared with some to take home by all.

Near the close of the meeting GW President

Trachtenberg strolled in. Jack courteously asked him if he would like to say anything; he smugly replied that he was a tourist. His scribes were already there taking their copious notes.

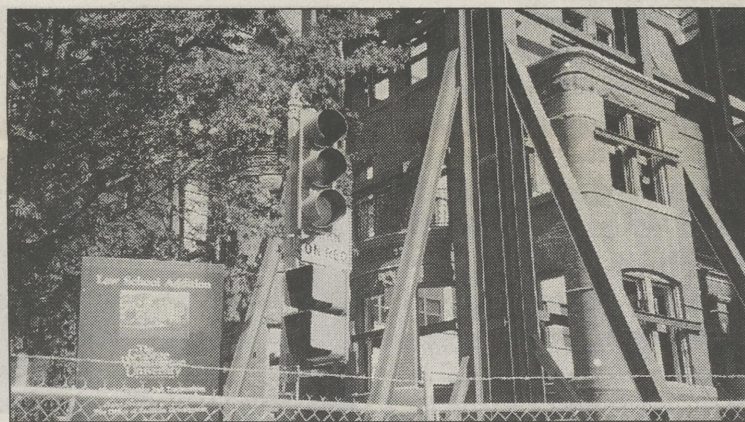
The mere mention of his name evokes revulsion at my typewriter. GWU is my Alma Mater, and although some might have doubts, I received a good education there from a dedicated, underpaid faculty and a far less bureaucratic administration. We had one President and one Vice President—and no "bulldozer." They were academicians, men and women of letters. Trachtenberg, Lou Katz and his henchman, Bernard Demczuk, have no place in academia; they should be selling vegetable slicers on the boardwalk in Atlantic City.

They have authored and sent frequent "Dear Neighbor" letters throughout our community in veiled efforts to poison the minds of our citizens as

as a university without a "bulldozer."

Recently our good neighbor, Dr. Don Kreuzer, well-known target of their "bulldozer," was working in his back yard when he noticed a big black limousine parked at an angle by his curb. When he approached, the occupant ordered his chauffeur to speed away. Surprise! Inside, was Demczuk, the "professor," taking notes on his clipboard! Why speed away? Why not come in for a cup of coffee like a "good neighbor?" It was a Sunday morning—maybe it was "double time" pay!

Eventually, GW may own all of Columbia Plaza. Generous alumnus, Dr. Tauber, will donate his 51%—named in his honor—to the university. Why doesn't my Alma Mater use its political muscle in the alumni to get control of the old CIA building, which would make a great throne for President "Stevedore Wreckenberg";



they disguise their destruction of our historic neighborhood with their venal bromide: "... we are trying to work with the community. ...!" Their spurious missives have apparently influenced a couple of our Foggy Bottom residents who now echo their "good neighbor" guile, but it didn't work on me. They tried. I think my Alma Mater can prosper

and the nearby Naval Medicine facility would make adequate classrooms.

As long as GW has an abundance of planning boards where there should be classrooms, why don't they direct their "wrecking ball" to the 2000 block of G Street, N.W.? The Woodhull Mansion on the northeast corner of 21st and G, and the old mansion on the



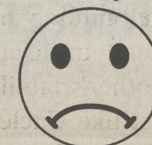
Hollywood Visits Foggy Bottom—Again

Recently Paramount Pictures used the Watergate complex as a backdrop to film a portion of "Along Came A Spider," a movie starring Morgan Freeman. Since he is a star of a TV se-

ries about law enforcement, the Maryland State Police seized the opportunity to make Morgan an Honorary Trooper by awarding him a citation and plaque. During a break in the filming Superintendent Colonel David B. Mitchell assists Morgan in trying on his new hat.

northwest corner of 20th & G (which was the old office of GW's President and Vice President), should be preserved.* However, those three old four-story buildings, Bell Hall, Stuart Hall and Lisner Hall (the old library), should be demolished and replaced by multi-story classrooms/dormitories or plush offices (ivy-covered, of course!) for his "good neighbor" gnomes. Incidentally, when I was a student Bell and Stuart were classrooms buildings simply known as Building C and Building D (no air-conditioning).

Enough for now. I am exhausted and my bad ink is low. However, stay tuned.



*Note: This just in. While strolling down G Street yesterday, I was shocked and saddened to see that only two walls of that historic President's House mansion remain. The dastardly Wreckenberg wrecking ball has struck again, reportedly with the concurrence of DCRA's Armando Laurencio. Well, it was just another day in the destructive life of our "good neighbors" and their cohorts in the D.C. government.

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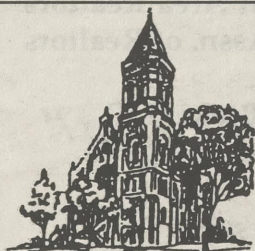
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A Farewell to New Friends

By Christopher M. Labas

Since I began my position as the Assistant Manager at Potomac Plaza Apartments, I've had the opportunity to meet some of the most kind, interesting and diverse people in Foggy Bottom, indeed in Washington itself. The residents of Potomac Plaza are like a second family to me and I forged many new friendships with them during these past two and a half years. So the last week in May was truly a sad dark time for me as I learned of the passing from my life of two wonderful people.

A little while ago, my mother phoned me to ask if I knew a couple in my building named Bartos. I told her I did and she laughed, explaining that Joe Bartos was my Uncle Steve's cousin. The next day at work I stopped Joe and Dorothy on their way out of the building and explained to them our distant relation. My mother's family is Hungarian just like Uncle Steve and Joe Bartos. Over the next few months I explained to Joe that my father's Croatian culture was more dominant in our household, and our only real exposure to the Magyar culture of my mother was the cuisine at which my mother excelled. Joe Bartos lent me some Hungarian folk music from his collection. I learned much from him about the different traditional instruments and styles of music from that part of the world as he ex-

plained it to me in his soft-spoken yet deliberate manner of speech. He was very kind and always had a big smile punctuated by the same bright blue eyes as my Uncle Steve. I was very sad when I received the call one evening letting me know that he was gone.

Two days later I came in to work only to discover that another one of our residents would never return to Potomac Plaza either. Earlier in the year, Kurt Schork, a war correspondent for Reuters, moved into the building. We got to know him better as he came down to the desk to discuss the tribulations of getting his contractors to do exactly what he wanted during his apartment remodeling. He recognized my Croatian last name and, over time, we discussed the Balkan states, where he did much of his reporting, including his most famous piece on the death of a young teenage couple in Sarajevo. He had been to the cities of my grandparents, Zagreb and Split, and told me he considered the whole area there the most beautiful part of the world and that he had seriously considered settling there. It wasn't long after Kurt left for his new assignment covering the civil war in Sierra Leone that we received word that he and a Spanish cameraman were killed in a rebel ambush in an obscure part of that West

African country. Profound shock, numbness and utter disbelief were all I could feel.

At the time of this writing, we are anticipating the funeral services of these two men. People will learn of their great accomplishments in making the world a better place and making the truth known to the world. I always try to look for the best in every situation but it is very hard to cull meaning from death. But I think we can all learn a few things from these sad events. One can never have too many friends and no matter how casual our friendships are, they are of great value. I think, too, we can all make an effort to strengthen our current friendships because like that old Joni Mitchell song says, "You never know what you have 'til it's gone."

Update, from page 1

The Mayor and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton are among those who are working for its passage. A coalition of residents has been formed to defeat the referendum; among the opponents is the D.C. Congress of PTAs, which termed the proposal undemocratic.

If the proposal is defeated, the current structure of 11 elected members would continue.

This is an important election; be sure to vote your opinion!

Campus, from page 1

District other than the federal government, and is powerfully connected politically. It argues that universities provide a wide variety of educational and cultural opportunities, employ thousands of people, and spend millions of dollars.

Benefits to D.C. Are Questionable

However, universities also take property worth hundreds of millions of dollars off the tax rolls while costing millions of dollars in tax-supported services. Their payrolls and spending benefit mainly other jurisdictions. Over 78% of GWU's payroll is paid to non-District residents, and taxed by non-District taxing authorities. Over 52% of District residents employed by GWU are students. **Taking all expenditures by GWU and its students in the aggregate, the District benefits from only 12.7% of the jobs and only 15% of the income generated by such spending.**

The more difficult impact to measure is the gradual strangling of the existing residential community. Over the past 10-15 years, GWU has acquired over three dozen properties in Foggy Bottom, outside its campus boundary as sanctioned by the 1985-2000 Campus Plan. These include

hotels, apartment buildings, and many townhouses, including nearly all of Square 43 south of the campus. In 1988, the BZA had moved Square 43 outside the sanctioned campus boundary in order to provide a buffer between the University and the adjoining residential community, but there was no process by which to challenge GWU's later acquisition and razing of the 28 townhouses on Square 43.

Students Are Major "Occupiers"

More recently, GWU has acquired a partial ownership interest in the 850 apartments of Columbia Plaza. A majority of the apartments in at least three of the Columbia Plaza buildings are already student-occupied.

And the rest of the story of the squeeze is that even where GWU hasn't added a building to its real estate portfolio, students constitute a large part, often a majority, of the residents, because GWU has not undertaken to provide adequate housing on campus. Putting aside smaller residential buildings, ANC Commission Maria Tyler has gathered information suggesting that a majority of the apartments in 12 of the large privately-owned apartment buildings are now student-occupied.

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The overall effect, as described by the D.C. Office of Planning in its review of GWU's proposed campus plan, is to push the community toward a "tipping point," beyond which Foggy Bottom "simply transforms into a 'University area.'"

Reg Is Too Vague

The regulation's requirement that university uses are to be approved only if unlikely to become objectionable to neighboring property turns out to be too vague to require the BZA, or a court, to reject or modify uses even when patently objectionable. And, as interpreted by the Zoning Administrator, even the weak review contemplated by the current regulations is not required in the case of a property outside the sanctioned campus boundary, so long as the property is zoned to permit the proposed use by non-university owners. Thus, GWU was allowed to purchase the Howard Johnson Hotel on Virginia Avenue and convert it to a freshman dormitory without review for consistency with its campus plan. This reading flies in the face of the overall regulatory scheme and the purpose of campus planning, and makes expansion and intensification of university use easier off the sanctioned campus than on.

In the last two Comprehensive Plans, the D.C. Council has stated that "[l]oss of housing stock is . . . a critical problem in Foggy Bottom/West End, aggravated by the lack of dormitory construction on the George Washington University (GWU) campus,"

and that "a major cause of depletion of the housing stock" is conversion of apartments and other buildings to university dormitories and offices. The Council has directed that "to prevent further loss of housing, adjustments shall be made to existing zoning regulations and campus plans to address these problems," and has directed the Zoning Commission to prepare a text amendment case to clarify the regulations. And yet, nothing has yet been done, even as the proposed ten-year campus plans of the three largest universities—GWU, Georgetown and American—are being taken up by the BZA. [The Zoning Commission is said to be scheduling a hearing sometime this summer on the subject of campus plans. Mayor Williams has said he will undertake a review of the campus planning process this fall, but has not said that he favors freezing consideration of currently proposed plans pending that review.]

D.C.: Take Responsibility!

Responsibility for campus planning is fractured. The Council issues pronouncements, but at least some Council members, including Jack Evans, seem to believe they lack authority to legislate more meaningful standards. The Zoning Commission has authority to amend the campus plan regulations, but the BZA reviews the campus plans. The BZA has historically been very reluctant to use the only leverage the current law gives it, that of conditioning enrollment increases on needed changes in behavior. It would in any case make more sense to have the Zoning Commission review campus plans, since it approves

Foggy Bottom Folks

It was both a solemn and joyous evening in late May when St. Mary's Rector **Kirtley Yearwood** was formally instituted and inducted into his ministry. The Episcopal Bishop of Washington, Right Reverend **Ronald H. Haines**, was the presider and celebrant; Father **Richard Martin**, formerly of St. Paul's Church, preached the homily, and St. Mary's reputation for superb music was in evidence. The Foggy Bottom community was well represented among the "presenters," including Reverend **John Wimberly** of Western Presbyterian Church, Reverend **Andrew Sloane** of St. Paul's Church, and **Bea**

Planned Unit Developments, the nearest analogue of a campus plan.

Clearly, approval of a campus plan for a major university should require consideration and balancing of interests of affected parties, avoidance of avoidable impacts on existing communities, and meaningful enforcement. There should be a sanctioned campus, within which the university can be given fairly wide discretion and even some relaxation of applicable zoning standards. Outside the campus boundary, the burden on the university should be much higher, not lower, to justify university uses. Enforcement should include withholding of tax exemption for non-complying uses. These are sensible and seemingly minimal concepts to serve as a foundation for planning a "campus."

We need to fight for them now, before GWU and other universities are protected for another ten years from meaningful oversight.

Watson and **Marifran Langvardt** of St. Mary's Court.

The stork made a second delivery in a year at the York Apartments on 20th Street! The new arrival is **Emma Graham**, and her mother, Dr. **Audrey Graham**, is a resident at GWU Hospital. The Grahams have resided here since the summer of 1999. Look out for a blue jogging buggy to say hello to 4-month-old Emma!

Another small new resident did not wait that long to arrive on Eye Street. Miss **Ina Budina** was born to **Roumen** and **Nina Budina** just weeks after they moved into their house. Visiting from Bulgaria to help out and possibly dote on their new grandchild are Nina's parents, **Petra** and **Todor Cvetkov**. The new mother took leave from her position as an economist at the IMF, and the new dad holds a finance position at the City Bank.

Sorry to hear that **Jennie Lazowski**, who lives in the Jefferson House and is a faithful helper on the News and a standby at FBA meetings, lost her sister. Lee Ponichtera lived in Massachusetts but visited her sister frequently, and took advantage of Jennie's familiarity as a very special volunteer at the Kennedy Center.

Seen on local TV lately were **Sarah Shapiro** of Columbia Plaza, and **John Graves** of St. Mary's Court and FBNews "Local Kaleidoscope" writer. Ms. Shapiro was interviewed concerning her suggestion to use the phrase "Taxation Without Representation" on D.C. license plates. Mr. Graves was speaking for a group of veter-

ans who have concerns about the site of the proposed World War II memorial on the Mall. His group feels the current plans will interfere with the historic vista between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. As WWII vets, they definitely favor a memorial, but propose it be moved a short distance away to preserve the current unrestricted view between the two monuments.

Foggy Bottom resident



Jack Olender was inducted into the Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame, the first person in the "law" category. Olender's firm specializes in medical malpractice, and he has served as president of the Trial Lawyers Association of D.C. and the Bar Association of D.C.

There are two grand ladies who between January and mid-July marked very significant milestones in their lives. Earlier this year **Vorda Honnold** merited a birthday cake with a whole bunch of candles on it, as she celebrated another decade. On July 5, **Dorothy Ohliger** will deserve a similar cake, with ten less candles. They both bring truth to the saying, "I'm not getting older; I'm getting better!!!"

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and in the FBA oral history project last year. She strongly supports the community's position on the location of the GWU Hospital and the campus plan.

Doug Abbey lives on 25th Street, is a consultant in the field of aviation, and has been active in the GWU Hospital matter and in the Historic District Conservancy. David Alexander, an attorney-advisor with the Environmental Protection Agency, resides at 2424 Pennsylvania Avenue and has been active in his tenant group as well as other matters during his year on the Board.

Olga Corey has lived in Foggy Bottom since 1964, and is a free-lance writer and communicator. On the Board since 1997, she chaired the FBA's 40th Anniversary Committee, planning and executing a variety of activities during the year. She also serves as ad manager for the Foggy Bottom News, works with GWU student groups, and is an enthusiastic promoter of Foggy Bottom.

Catherine Braun and her husband Ralph live in 26th Street's Potowmac Overlook, where she was president of the condo association. She has also served this last year on the Board and as vestry secretary at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Rita Champagne lives in Columbia Plaza and has been FBA treasurer since 1998. She is retired from the Department of State, and performs a variety of volunteer activities in the neighborhood, with a special interest in a cleaner FB.

Lucille Molinelli has been FBA secretary for two years, and has been active as well in

Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, June 26: "When the Sacred Cows of Science and Religion Meet," a video lecture by George Coyne, a Jesuit, scientist and pastor, followed by discussion. Cooper Lounge, The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 26: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring Col. Markus Ring, longtime resident and D.C. historian, with reminiscences of the Foggy Bottom/West End area during and after the 1920s. FBA Executive Board elections will also take place. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27: Referendum on makeup of the D.C. School Board. Polls are at the West End Library, St. Mary's Court and United Church.

Wednesday, June 28: "Conversations with the Authors" presents renowned Washington poet Dr. E. Ethelbert Miller, director of the African American Resource Center at Howard University. Dr. Miller will be interviewed about his new book, "Fathering Words," by Michelle Greene, his former wife, who appears in the book, a memoir of "how love survived in his family" after the death of his father and his brother. For info call 331-7282, ext. 21. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28-Friday, August 11: Exhibition, "Washington Architectural Dream Series: Photographs by

the West End Citizens Association for many years. She maintains her longstanding interest in safety, especially for seniors, as well as cleaner and better streets and sidewalks.

Ellie Becker has served as FBA president for several years, and continues as editor of the Foggy Bottom News. A resident of Foggy Bottom since 1963,

she owns a home on I Street.

Michael Thomas has served two terms as FBA Vice President, and owns a condo at and was active in the board at 2501 M Street. An attorney and former assemblyman in Juneau, Alaska, he has been handling the FBA's activities on the GWU hospital and the campus plan for the past year.

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Wednesday, June 28-Thursdays, September 14: "Home Base: The Neighbors and the Neighborhoods of Washington, D.C." exhibition, sponsored by the Special Collections Department of the Gelman Library. Developed in cooperation with the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, the exhibit is "designed to give a glimpse of the beauty, civic pride and development" of Burlieth, Chinatown, Foggy Bottom and Shaw. Also featured is a special display on the District's Italian American community. For info call 994-7549. Photo ID required. The Gelman Library, 2130 H Street, N.W. Opening Reception, June 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Exhibition hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 29: "Adventures with Old Houses," a lecture by Richard H. Jenrette on his experiences acquiring, restoring and furnishing six historic homes he owns. For info call 638-3105. AIA Boardroom, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. \$15. 6:45 p.m.

Friday, June 30: Noon Concert by Guillermo Silveira, composer and pianist, with Tom Bell, baritone and clarinetist. Six songs by Silveira will be presented, several of which were inspired by the singing and playing of Tom Bell. For info call 331-7282, ext. 15. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. 12 noon.

Thursday, July 6: Lecture by photographer Kenneth M. Wyner about his exhibit, "Washington Architectural Dream Series." See June 28 listing above. For info call 638-3105. AIA Boardroom, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. \$5. 6:45 p.m.

Friday, July 7: Noon Concert, by Kwang Kyu Lee, bass, with Muriel Lee Hom, pianist. Lee has a large and rich bass voice, graduated from Hanyang University in Korea, and has performed with the Maryland Opera Studio. For info call 331-7282, ext. 15. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. 12 noon.

Friday, July 14: Noon Concert by Flutists from the 24th Annual William Montgomery Flute Master Class 2000 at the University of Maryland. For info call 331-7287, ext. 15. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. 12 noon.

Wednesday, July 19: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A meeting. For location call 736-1775. State Plaza Hotel, 2116 F Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 23: Adult Drawing Workshop, "Washington Architecture in Color," led by Peter Waddell, features a basic introductory drawing lesson followed by participants viewing the work of Kenneth M. Wyner (see July 6 above) before learning the basics of watercolor. For info call 628-3105. \$35; limited to 12. The Octagon, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W. 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A meeting (tentative). For location call 736-1775.



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Thank You, Thank You— Part II

The past year has been an active one for the FBA, and many people have helped in various ways. Again, please, please forgive if someone is missed; we appreciated everyone who participated.

A 26th Street Park Committee was formed to make improvements to the park and playground; they met, made plans, and accomplished part of those plans. Working on that committee were—and are—**Mary Brewster, Catherine Miller, Susan Wallace, and Kerry Zymelman. Bob Vogt** chaired the committee, held effective meetings, and added much of his own time—and muscle—to the project. Others who have taken an interest in the area are **Bill Williams** as well as **Joan Alper** and **Stephanie Chesson** and other assistance from the residents and management of the **Griffin Condominium**.

Building on the successful event held as part of last year's 40th Anniversary celebration, a Sunday afternoon on the Potomac is being planned. The June 25 boat trip committee is made up of **Anne Charles** as chair, **Bob Charles, Mary Brewster, Kate Clinton, Jim McLeod, Bill Williams, Rich Sheehy, Marilyn Rubin, Steve Timlin, and Olga Corey**. As we go to press, ticket sales were brisk, and another pleasant boating party is anticipated.

Hearings were held on the GWU Hospital and an abbreviated one on the Campus Plan, and a special event was the demonstration by a large group of residents at the hospital groundbreaking. In preparation for the latter, signs

were made, press contacts were made, a fact sheet produced and distributed, and a fine turnout occurred. Thanks to those who worked hard on that event, entirely too many to list, and of course to all those who came to protest—not the hospital itself—but its unwise site.

Another group of residents got together to contact neighbors in support of the FBA and the ANC on GW's Campus Plan. **Jack Batham** of the West End Citizens Association circulated petitions widely, and several FBA members mounted a successful drive to have expressions of support for the ANC/FBA position signed. Prominent among this group were **Susan Wallace, Ginny Aycock-Burr, Mel Maeda, Ben Klotz, Jackie Lemire, Olga Corey, Marilyn Rubin, Joe Chaplick, Jennie Lazowski** and **Doug Abbey**. Many others wrote to the BZA outlining their opinions of the plan, and in most cases their opinions paralleled those of the ANC and FBA. These efforts are continuing during the summer in preparation for the September 12 BZA hearing on the plan.

The members of ANC-2A had an especially busy year as they faced additional responsibilities due to preparations for the campus plan hearings. After the D.C. government mandated a mediation process, ANC members spent extremely long periods of time in meetings of the Foggy Bottom team, with the university negotiating team and the dispute resolution professionals. ANC Chair **Barbara Spillinger** and Commissioner **Steven Mandelbaum**, along with FBA Vice President **Michael Thomas**, made up the team. Commissioners **Maria Tyler** and **Dorothy Miller** also spent many hours

assisting with the negotiations, supported by Commissioners **Richard Price** and **Richard Sheehy**.

We also owe thanks to **Barbara Kubinski** and the staff of the West End Library for their support and for being FBA's mailbox; to the **Wyndham Bristol Hotel**, the site of FBA's monthly meetings, and to **Bea Watson, Marifran Langvardt** and the staff of **St. Mary's Court** for hosting Executive Board and other meetings and for letting us have the News delivered and sorted there. (Can you imagine what any of us, who live in small residences, would do with 5000 newspapers in our living rooms?)

One individual who made a great contribution this past year was **Ralph Braun**, who kept the membership records on his computer most efficiently.

Most of all the time and efforts of the FBA Executive Board, who met faithfully, considered problems and opportunities, and assisted in various projects such as the GWU Hospital and the Campus Plan: **Doug Abbey, David Alexander, Catherine Braun, Russ Conlan, and Olga Corey** performed "yoe-man" service as at-large members of the Board. **Kate Clinton** managed the membership drive, **Rita Champagne** kept the FBA's books in good shape, and **Lucille Molinelli** was the Secretary.

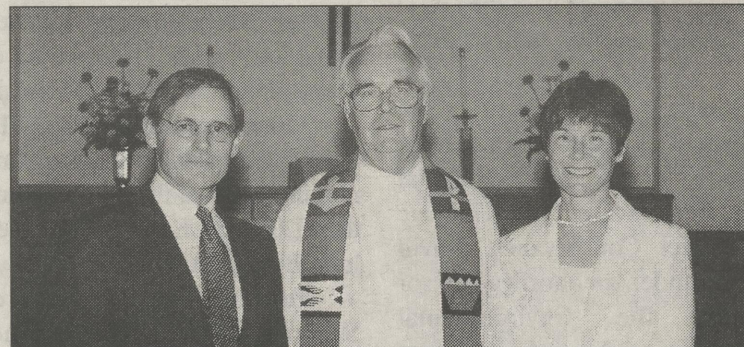
Michael Thomas became the FBA Vice President after the unfortunate illness and death of **Charles Farbstein**. Michael has led the FBA's efforts in both cases before the BZA, the GWU Hospital and more recently the Campus Plan. The time spent, his acute legal mind, experience with mediation, and wise counsel were essential to FBA's activities during the past year.

And we definitely cannot forget:

—all the residents who showed their support of FBA with their checks for dues during the past year;

—those who added an extra contribution; and

—those who generously contributed to the FBA Legal Fund.



United Church's Rev. Smith Marries

On May 7, The United Church was filled almost to capacity at the 11:00 o'clock Communion Service. The Reverend Dr. Don Smith and Ms. Mary Jane Schantz exchanged marriage vows during that service, a first-time event in the history of the church. The Reverend Alfred W. Radeloff, the German-language pastor at United, officiated at the ceremony during which the bride and groom each recited their

pledges to one another.

The bridal couple hosted a festive reception after their wedding at the former F Street Club adjacent to the Church.

Originally from the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area and ordained in the United Church of Christ, Rev. Smith began his ministry at United in September 1997. Ms. Schantz, who hails from upper New York State, is Vice-President for Product Development at the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with offices in New York City and Washington.



FBA Vice President Michael Thomas makes a point, probably about the GWU Campus Plan, during the Sierra Club's "Restore the Core" tour of Foggy Bottom.

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